

WETHERSFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

April 28, 2015

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 28, 2015 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson and Clerk Pro Tem
Chris Lyons
Mark Raymond
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate
John Aforismo, Alternate

Members Absent: John Maycock, Clerk
Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Garrey, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on April 16, 2015.

APPLICATION NO. 4360-15. Renewal by Andersen seeks to install four (4) replacement windows at 3 Meggat Park. (Tabled at the April 14, 2015 meeting. The last date to act is May 12, 2015.)

Application was withdrawn by applicant.

APPLICATION NO. 4367-15. Thomas and Linda Traue seek to retain the replacement of the wood garage door and surrounding trim with a vinyl long panel recessed door in the color mocha brown at 27 Foote Path Lane.

Thomas and Linda Traue, 27 Foote Path Lane, appeared before the Commission. The old door and trim were rotting and the door was not functional. A photo of the new vinyl door was submitted. It has a deep embossed wood grain. The trim is currently white, but they are open to painting it. The house currently has wood shingles.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4368-15. Lisa Mackler seeks to retain the replacement of the wood garage door with an artificial material raised panel door at 54 Main Street.

Lisa Mackler, 54 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She provided a photo of the garage door. She replaced the old composite door because possums had eaten their way through the door. She replaced the door with a Colonial raised panel door by Overhead Door. She was told by her contractor that she didn't need approval from the Historic District Commission in order to install the new door.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4369-15. Rick Garofalo seeks to demolish the existing garage and construct a 16'x24' one (1) bay Kloter Farms garage at 6 Avalon Place.

Rick Garofalo, 6 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. He would like to demolish the existing garage and install a 16'x24' single bay Kloter Farms garage in the same footprint. It will have a pent roof facing into the yard and a dormer. It will have two stories and the roofline will be perpendicular to existing. It will have T111 siding, wood trim and the roof will match the house. It will have a carriage style door. There will be a double wood door with transom lights and strap hardware. There will be no ramps. He will have to obtain approval from Zoning regarding the setback. The windows are aluminum and the doors are steel.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4370-15. Rosa Colon seeks to replace the two (2) front entrance doors at 16-18 Church Street.

Rosa Colon and Reinoldo Montalvo, 16-18 Church Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. They would like to replace the two front doors with the same style doors but with less glass – either with an oval glass on top or top lights. They will use wood doors with two panels and three lights. The hardware will match existing.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4371-15. The Town of Wethersfield seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4289-14 to change the walkway material from bituminous paving to brick pavers at 222 Main Street.

Kristin Stearley, 505 Silas Deane Highway, appeared before the Commission. The Town originally wanted bituminous pavement for the path from the parking lot to the handicapped ramp, but they have decided that they want to use brick pavers instead in the same footprint as approved previously.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Ovian, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

APPLICATION NO. 4367-15. Thomas and Linda Traue seek to retain the replacement of the wood garage door and surrounding trim with a vinyl long panel recessed door in the color mocha brown at 27 Foote Path Lane.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The trim around the garage door shall be painted to match the color of the siding.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's not the same panel design but it seems like a nice door. It has a nice panel design.

Commissioner Raymond stated that the brick tone of the door will blend with the brick that's on the house.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the difference in color is something that will work on this house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

APPLICATION NO. 4368-15. Lisa Mackler seeks to retain the replacement of the wood garage door with an artificial material raised panel door at 54 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's minimal impact. The door itself is evocative of what the property is trying to convey so it's not inconsistent with the rest of the property that isn't more than 65 years old. It's white and certainly not offensive.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he is familiar with that door. It's an 80s vintage T111 garage with a composite door. It's a non-original building that is set far enough back from the road and it has very little impact.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

APPLICATION NO. 4369-15. Rick Garofalo seeks to demolish the existing garage and construct a 16'x24' one (1) bay Kloter Farms garage at 6 Avalon Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the design that they gave us was perfectly designed for that property. He hopes that he is able to put it in the same place that it is now. The current placement of the building on the lot is nice for purposes of massing. It is a building that will be growing but still will work in that neighborhood.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the nice thing about it is that the architecture on Avalon Place is varied with pitches.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

APPLICATION NO. 4370-15. Rosa Colon seeks to replace the two (2) front entrance doors at 16-18 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The doors shall be solid wood with two (2) panels and three (3) clear glass lights.
2. The door hardware shall match the existing.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that they live on a busy road. He is sympathetic that they might want less glass area there. The design that's called out is evocative of what's there now.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the change is minimal.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2015

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Aforismo

Abstain: Raymond

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Aforismo

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Douglas Ovian
- Clerk Pro Tem-